Chapter 32:
CRUEL FORTUNE

...

NUTS! HE SWIPED ZOLO'S SWORDS!!

HEE HEE! ISN'T ONE ENOUGH?

GIVE THEM BACK?

GIVE ME BACK THOSE SWORDS!!

...

...CHUCK THESE.

KLANK...

BEFORE WE FIGHT, I'D BETTER...

SWUP!

!

THEY'LL JUST SLOW ME DOWN.

KLANG..!!

KLANG..!!

TWITCH...

WOOSH

SHOULD BE TREATED MORE RESPECT-FULLY!!

SWORDS THAT DON'T BELONG TO YOU--

SWIPP

I'VE LIGHT-ENED ME LOAD.

PURRR-FECT! NOW THEN...

HUH!!?

SW

ASH!!

I GUESS IT'S MY TURN!

...

!

HE'S GOOD!!

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!!?

HEY! MY SHIRT!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN MY SWORDS!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

YOU DIRTY...

POW

I HAVE A CAT'S WAIST-LINE, YOU KNOW!!

OH WELL...

!!

C'MON, BUTCHIE!! HAVE A GO!!

UNH!!?

THERE WAS NO STOMACH UNDER HIS SHIRT!

WONK!!

FWOOSH!!

AYE-AYE, SIAM!

UNGH!!

CAT-A-PULT...

CAT STRIKE!

TMP TMP TMP

FOOM!!

!!!

WATCH OUT!!!

HOO

CAT-

ASTROPHE!!

KRAK

KREK

OOM!!!

AAAGH!!!

!!

TA-

TUMP!!

!!?

THE GROUND IS CRACKING!!

SWIP

PFTHTH!

HE GOT AWAY!

SWOOSH

CURSE YE!!

MORE BRUTE STRENGTH IN HIM THAN I RECKONED!!

MY BAD. MY BAD.

YOU SHOULD'VE SUNK YOUR CLAWS INTO 'IM, SIAM!!

READ THIS WAY

I'LL BE A PIRATE-FLAVORED PANCAKE!!

HUFF

HUFF

THAT WAS CLOSE!! THIS IS SERIOUS! IF HE GETS ME WITH ONE OF THOSE CAT-WHAMMIES...

!!!

KRANG!

KA NG

PUSSY-WILLOW MARCH!!!

!!

SWSH SWSH SWSH SWSH SWSH

SWSH SWSH SWSH SWSH SWSH

KK!

KA NG

!!.....

HE CAN'T HOLD OUT FOR LONG AGAINST THEIR COMBINED ASSAULT! I'LL PROVIDE ARTILLERY SUPPORT!

KLANK KLINK

KLANG

AREN'T YOU GONNA DO SOMETHING!?

!

DARN! ZOLO'S GIVING GROUND!

!

KLINK KLANK

KLANG

!

WOING!!

EAT *LEAD*, CATS!!

ROOOWWW

SWAP

MEE

WOOF

WHAT!!?

!!!

.....

AN OPENING!!

SLI

UGH!!!

WOOSH...

...

N-NO!
I
DIDN'T...

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON, USOPP!!?

...

ON PURPOSE!?

TRIED TO GET HIT ON PURPOSE!!

IT WAS LIKE HE...

HUH!?

MAYBE *HE* SAVED *US!*

ARE YOU *TRYING* TO GET KILLED!?

USOPP, YOU IDIOT!!

!

KLANG

SLASH

!!

THINK ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO US!

!

MIGHT SHIFT THEIR ATTACK TO *US!*

IF YOU *DO* HIT ONE OF THEM, THOSE TWO...

IF I JUST HAD EVEN ONE MORE SWORD!!

DARN...

THERE IS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS!!

ZOLO...

YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE. YOU CAN BARELY WALK!

THEN LET *ME* GET THEM!!

WUP

IF I CAN GET THEM TO HIM, HE'LL FIX THOSE FREAKS!

I'M GOING TO GO GET ZOLO'S SWORDS!

HE CAN'T FIGHT THEM OFF LIKE THIS...

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HEY!!

KLANG KLANK KLINK!

WOOSH..!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

...!!!

WHAT IS SHE...!?

!

OH!!!

IF I CAN JUST GET THEM TO HIM!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

NO SWORDS FOR YOU!

SHINK!!

!!?

THAT WAS OUR LAST HOPE!!

YOU PIG!!!

UNH...

FWUMP

OH, UH, SIR... WE HIT A FEW SNAGS!!

TREMBLE TREMBLE

AAAH!!

GRRR!!

!

GULP

SHAKE

TWITCH

?

SHIVER

SHAKE

TWITCH

SHIVER

MEW...

!

HEY...

OH, NOT NOW! WHAT A TIME FOR *HIM* TO SHOW UP!!

H- HE'LL K-KILL US ALL!

SHUDDER

KURO!!

C- CA- CAP- TAIN...

SHAKE

TWITCH

WUP

OOOOOOO

IT'S LONG PAST DAWN, BUT...

YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING TROUBLE FOLLOWING MY PLAN.

SHAKE SHAKE

TREMBLE TREMBLE

GRRR

WHAT IN NEPTUNE'S NAME IS GOING ON???

KNOK KNOK

Q: *I'VE GOT A QUESTION♥! WHY DOES ZOLO ALWAYS WEAR A HARAMAKI (SASH) LIKE AN OLD MAN? TELL ME PLEEEEEASE.*

A: HOW RUDE!! SIT YOURSELF DOWN AND LISTEN UP! THE HARAMAKI IS JAPAN'S MOST POWERFUL HEART-STOPPING OUTFIT, AND IS ALSO HIGH-FASHION, TIGHT-FITTING COMBAT WEAR, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!! APOLOGIZE! DISMISSED!

Q: *I'VE SEEN THE SAME CHARACTER, MIKIO ITOO, IN THREE DIFFERENT MANGA: ONE PIECE, BUTSU ZONE, AND RUROUNI KENSHIN. WHO IS THIS? I'M DYING TO KNOW. IN ONE PIECE, I DISCOVERED HIM IN:*
VOL. 1, PAGE 14, PANEL 3, ON THE WANTED POSTER BEHIND THE FIRST MATE.
PAGE 16, PANEL 1, ON THE BOTTLE.
PAGE 86, PANEL 2, ON THE WANTED POSTER BEHIND LUFFY.
VOL. 2, TITLE PAGE, ON THE WANTED POSTER BEHIND ZOLO.
YOU'VE GOT HIM ON WANTED POSTERS! PLEASE TELL ME, WHO IS HE?

A: YOU FOUND HIM, ALL RIGHT. GOOD JOB! HIS NAME'S MIKIO ITOO. HE'S A QUICK-DRAW EXPERT. HE APPEARS AS A TRAVELING PERFORMER IN BOTH BUTSU ZONE (MANGA BY HIROYUKI TAKEI, WHO DRAWS SHAMAN KING FOR SHONEN JUMP) AND RUROUNI KENSHIN. YOU ASK WHO HE IS? LET'S JUST SAY HE'S ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS "RUN THROUGH THE WILD FIELDS WITH ME." I CAN'T COUNT THE NUMBER OF TIMES HE'S SAVED MY LIFE COVERING MY BACK WITH HIS GUNFIRE. HE'LL LIKELY APPEAR BEFORE ALL OF YOU SOMETIME SOON.